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INVITATION ON SOLAR ENERGY PILOT STUDY

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1. DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) FORMALLY ACCEPTED
US INVITATION (REF C) TO PARTICIPATE IN CCMS
SOLAR ENERGY PILOT STUDY IN FEB 27 NOTE.
PARTICIPATION STILL UNDECIDED.

2. FAVORABLE DECISION COINCIDED WITH FEB 27-28
CANBERRA VISIT (REFS A AND B) OF JAMES SCHOLLAERT,
DEPARTMENT'S CCMS OFFICER, WHO MET WITH DEPARTMENT OF
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SCIENCE (DOS) AND DFA OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE FURTHER

INFORMATION ON PILOT STUDY AND ANTICIPATED GOA CONTRIBUTION. DR. FREDERICK MORSE, NSF CONSULTANT AND REPRESENTATIVE AT FEB 18 MARCH 1 US-AUSTRALIAN SOLAR ENERGY SYMPOSIUM DID NOT VISIT CANBERRA BUT MET KEY GOA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SCIENCE MINISTER MORRISON AND ROGER MORSE, HEAD OF CSIRO'S SOLAR ENERGY STUDIES UNIT IN MELBOURNE, AT SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS. MORRISON TOLD FREDERICK MORSE THAT HE FAVORS GOA PARTICIPATION IN PILOT STUDY.

3. INTALKS WITH SCHOLLAERT, OFFICIALS OF DOS (FULLER AND DOCKERILL) AND DFA (GRESFORD) EXPRESSED SIMILAR SUPPORT FOR PILOT STUDY, FULLER PRAISED QUALITY OF NATO-RELATED CIVIL SCIENCE AND RAISED POSSIBILITY OF GOA PARTICIPATION IN OTHER CCMS STUDIES. FULLER AND GRESFORD AGREED THAT GOA COORDINATOR WILL PROBABLY BE ROGER MORSE AND AGREED TO DISCUSS PILOT STUDY FURTHER WITH CSIRO COLLEAGUES. (SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER WILL MAKE PRESENTATION SIMILAR TO SCHOLLAERT'S TO LATTIMORE OF CSIRO'S INDUSTRIAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES BRANCH, WHO WAS OUT OF CANBERRA DURING SCHOLLAERT VISIT.)

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: SCHOLLAERT TIMELY VISIT WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL IN ANSWERING GOA QUESTIONS ABOUT PILOT STUDY AND STIMULATING OFFICIAL INTEREST IN I. NATO-LINK WAS INVARIABLY COMMENTED UPON BUT APPEARS TO POSE NO PROBLEM FOR GOA PARTICIPATION. TASKS STILL REMAINS TO IDENTIFY OFFICIALLY GOA COORDINATOR, WHICH SCHOLLAERT DISTRIBUTED, IS COMPLETED PROMPTLY AND HOPEFULLY, THAT GOA ENTHUSIASM FOR PILOT STUDY IS SUSTAINED AND DEEPENED. GREEN

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